

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please preserve the integrity of amateur radio by keeping Element 1.

Many of today's VEC types are now licensed under the "softer" cw requirements and never liked code anyway. Grading a code test is easy. I am a retired educator and former US Navy radioman, and proud of both and proud that I got off my lazy can after procrastinating for years about incentive licensing and finally getting my extra. Code was never a challenge after 5wpm many years ago, and many of the current new licensees DO operate CW! Where are the VEC Coordinator types "posting" their survey follow-ups? How do they know the majority don't operate cw after passing the test? Do they follow their every move? They probably seldom ever see many of their testees, let alone know their operating habits. Please for once stand up for the silent majority that thinks standards still are important. They can talk now. They want the whole ball of wax for nothing and for nothing is never any fun! Thanks, Wayland Bradley k4ws